

Amendments to the Claims:

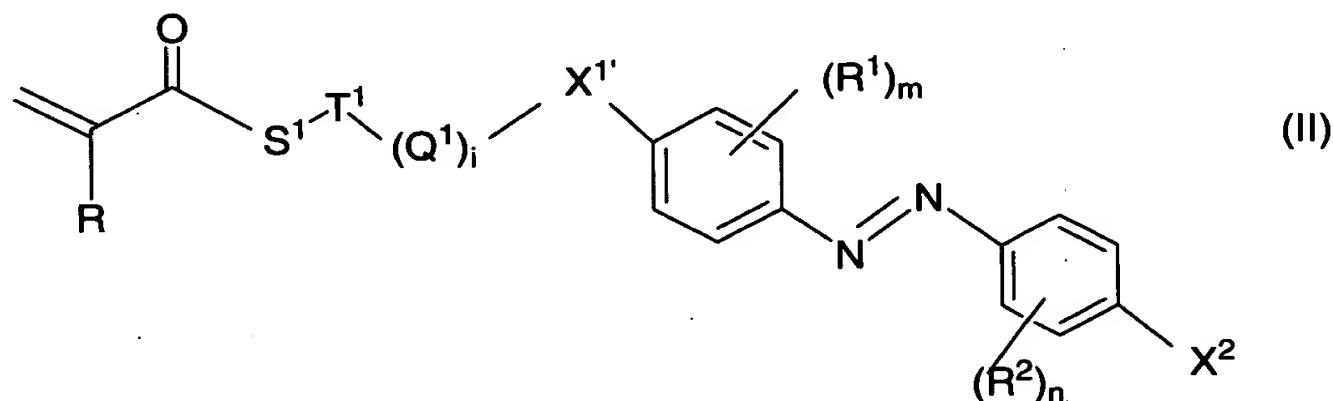
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22. (Cancelled).

Claim 23. (Previously presented): The method of Claim 24 further comprising angle-dependent reading of a volume hologram.

Claim 24. (Currently amended) A method of using a recording material for a holographic volume storage medium containing at least one dye which changes its spatial arrangement when a hologram is recorded and optionally at least one shape –anisotropic grouping, where the dye permits the recording of at least three holograms at one specimen position without unacceptably diminishing, completely damaging or entirely overwriting the holograms already recorded in said material, with the proviso that the recording material comprise poly(meth)acrylate and has an irradiated thickness of greater than 1.0 mm up to 5 cm. and at least one dye has an absorption maximum of the $\pi\pi^*$ band that is less than or equal to 400 nm and the dye conforming structurally to formula (II)

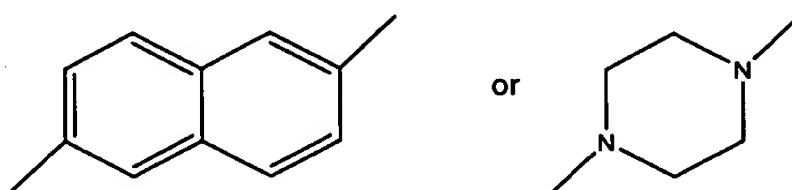


wherein R represents hydrogen or methyl, R¹ and R² each independently of the other represents hydrogen or a non ionic substituent, and R¹ may additionally represent -X¹-R³, m and n each independently of the other represents an integer from 0 to 4, X² represents X²-R⁴, and X¹ and X² independently represent a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -(N-R⁵)-, -C(R⁶R⁷)-, -(C=O)-, -(CO-O)-, -(CO-NR⁵)-, -(SO₂)-, -(SO₂-O)-, -(SO₂-NR⁵)-, -(C=NR⁸)- or -(CNR⁸-NR⁵)-,

R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁸ each independently of the others represents hydrogen, C₁- to C₂₀-alkyl, C₃- to C₁₀-cycloalkyl, C₂- to C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆- to C₁₀-aryl, C₁- to C₂₀-alkyl-(C=O)-, C₃- to C₁₀-cycloalkyl-(C=O)-, C₂- to C₂₀-alkenyl-(C=O)-, C₆- to C₁₀-aryl-(C=O)-, C₁- to C₂₀-alkyl-(SO₂)-, C₃- to C₁₀-cycloalkyl-(SO₂)-, C₂- to C₂₀-alkenyl-(SO₂)- or C₆- to C₁₀-aryl-(SO₂)-, or X²-R⁴ may represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, CF₃ or CCl₃,

R⁶ and R⁷ each independently of the other represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁- to C₂₀-alkyl, C₁- to C₂₀-alkoxy, C₃- to C₁₀-cycloalkyl, C₂- to C₂₀-alkenyl or C₆- to C₁₀-aryl,

Q¹ represents -O-, -S-, -(N-R⁵)-, -C(R⁶R⁷)-, -(C=O)-, -(CO-O)-, -(CO-NR⁵)-, -(SO₂)-, -(SO₂-O)-, -(SO₂-NR⁵)-, -(C=NR⁸)-, -(CNR⁸-NR⁵)-, -(CH₂)_p-, p- or m-C₆H₄- or a divalent radical of the formula:



i represents an integer from 0 to 4, T¹ represents -(CH₂)_p-, wherein the chain may be interrupted by -O-, -NR⁹- or -OSiR¹⁰₂O-, S¹ represents a direct bond, -O-, -S- or -NR⁹-, p represents an integer from 2 to 12, R⁹ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or propyl and R¹⁰ represents methyl or ethyl with the provisos that (a) the recording material is a side-chain polymer based on dye monomers for poly(meth)acrylate according to formula (II) and that (b) a multiplex process is used in recording the holograms.